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A.—The extracts from the statistical registers have been called for and will be laid on the table when received. The Government is not aware of any such statement as that referred to in the concluding part of the question.

Assessment on natham backyard cultivation.

*1611 *Q.*—Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased (i) to lay on the table all the Board's Proceedings and Government Orders issued on natham backyard occupation assessment and (ii) to state—

(*a*) why the Government have refused to consider the desirability of exempting all poor pattadars paying a land revenue assessment of Rs. 50 and under from this additional agricultural impost on the natham backyard occupation; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of increasing the exempted limit of natham backyard (owned and unowned and vacant) occupation from the present 25 cents to 50 cents for each pattadar and of reducing the penalty from rupee 1 to 8 annas per plot of 50 cents occupied *bona fide* for his residential and pastoral purposes especially in all poor Muhammadan villages?

A.—(i) As the Government Orders and Board's Proceedings on the subject of backyard cultivation in village-sites have been incorporated in the Board's Standing Orders (a copy of which is in the Council Library), the Government regret they are unable to reprint the papers separately.

(ii) (*a*) The Government have not been able to trace the refusal referred to and in any case do not admit the implication in the question.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Simplification of village and taluk accounts.

*1612 *Q.*—Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for from the Board of Revenue and lay on the table all the proceedings issued by them to Collectors from 1923 till 31st December 1927, for the simplification of all the village and taluk accounts on the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee's Report, Volumes I and II?

A.—No such proceedings have been issued.

Minor Irrigation

Contribution from the ryots of Markapur taluk.

*1613 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in reference to the answer to question No. 806 answered on 21st October 1927, regarding contribution from the ryots of Markapur taluk, whether Government have received the report, and if so, what it is?

A.—The report was placed on the table of the House on 23rd January 1928.